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NOTICE

This is a notice regarding the request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission (properly considered under 37 C.F.R. §1.28) filed 30 March, 2006.

NOTE: Petitioner is reminded and placed on Notice that the Rules of Practice mandate that Petitioner provide both the application and patent numbers, as well as filing and issue dates, in all matters regarding this patent.¹

It remains Petitioner's responsibility to ensure that the proper fees are timely offered and accepted.

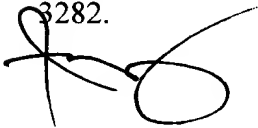
¹ See: 37 C.F.R. §1.366 and MPEP §2515.

On September 1, 1998, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held that 37 C.F.R. §1.28(c) is the sole provision governing the time for correction of the erroneous payment of the issue fee as a small entity. See DH Technology v. Synergystex International, Inc. 154 F.3d 1333, 47 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. Sept. 1, 1998).

The Office no longer investigates or rejects original or reissue applications under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. 1098 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 502 (January 3, 1989). Therefore, nothing in this notice is intended to imply that an investigation was done.

Your fee deficiency submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.28 hereby is **ACCEPTED**

Inquiries regarding this application should be directed to the Technology Center. The general phone number for the Office of Petitions which should be used for status requests is (571) 272-3282.

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